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1. Parts are being cast at the Elektrochemisches Kombinat, Bitterfeld, for rotary acid pumps. The alloy used contains about 30 percent chromium and 1 percent molybdenum.

About 2 - 5 tons are cast per month. No ferrosilicon acid pumps are at present being made in the DDR.

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2. Customers for these parts are as follows:

Maschinenbau Mackensen, Magdeburg, which belongs to SAG "AKO",
Pumpenfabrik, Erfurt, which belongs to VVB ERM,
Hallesche Pumpenwerke, Halle, which belongs to VVB ERM,
The Erbe firm, Halle, and
The nitrogen section of the factory itself (for nitric acid)

3. A new plant of about 60 cells for alkalinechloride electrolysis is now in operation. This requires a current supply of 12,000 amperes.

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4. Dr. Daniel is to undertake research into cobalt-alumina catalysis.

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